

a heating element inside the enclosure;
a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates are in physical communication and form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and
a plurality of vents of located in the curved section;
wherein the plurality of vents have an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

Remarks

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested. Currently, claims 72-82, 88 and 90 are pending in the application. Claims 72, 88, and 90 have been amended.

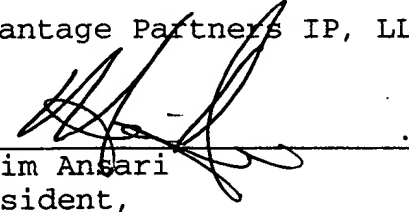
Examiner issued a final rejection of claims 72-82, 88, and 90 based upon Wang and Matsushima, et al. Specifically, Examiner rejected claims 72-82, 88, and 90 under 35 U.S.C. section 103 as being unpatentable over Wang in view of Matsushima.

Applicant is aware that, after final rejection, an amendment by Applicant may not be entered as a matter of right. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. Section 1.116(b), Applicant requests Examiner to admit the amendments. Applicant believes the amendments expressly include limitations that render the claims non-obvious and novel relative to the prior art. Specifically, the prior art does not teach the use of spit assemblies having a multiple plate structure where the plates are placed in physical communication with each other using structures that do not extend from the center of one plate to another. Additionally, these amendments were not entered previously because Applicant had a good faith belief that the combination of Wang and Matsushima did not render the prior claims unpatentable.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "Version with markings to show changes made".

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72. (Twice amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:
an enclosure that includes walls;
a heating element inside the enclosure;
[means for rotating the food about a horizontal axis and by the heating element] a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and
a vent located in one of the walls of the enclosure, the vent having an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

88. (Twice Amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;
a heating element inside the enclosure;
[means for rotating the food about a horizontal axis and by the heating element] a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates in combination with at least one rod form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include a rod extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and
a vent located in the curved section;
wherein the vent has an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.

90. (Amended) A rotisserie oven for cooking food, comprising:
an enclosure having a roof, a wall and a curved section extending from the wall to the roof;
a heating element inside the enclosure;
[means for rotating the food about a horizontal axis and by the heating element] a plurality of plates, each having a center, wherein the plates are in physical communication and form a spit assembly and wherein the spit assembly does not include any structure extending from the center of one plate and connecting to the center of any other plate; and
a plurality of vents of located in the curved section;
wherein the plurality of vents have an indent extending into the enclosure with an opening at the top of the indent.